

Lion's Roar



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Easter

By Ashley Burkett

This year Easter fell on Sunday, April 4th. Easter is celebrated to commemorate Jesus' victory over death, but is there more to this special day?

According to one internet article, the Jews accepted Easter as an official holiday in the 4th century. However, it was celebrated long before then. In the 2nd century, the Saxons started Easter in honor of Eastre, goddess of offspring and springtime. They would throw grand feasts during this time. Easter does not fall on the same day every year, unlike most official holidays. It was based on the lunar calendar and is always on the first Sunday after the full moon in the Spring Equinox.

When Christians first started moving into the area of those who held this holiday, they noticed that it fell close to the Jewish-Christian tradition of Pascha, which is the day they celebrated the Lord's resurrection. This was widely accepted by the Jews and Christians alike by the 4th century. To help to spread their faith, the missionaries combined the tradition of Pascha (Greek for Easter) with the celebration of Eastre, only they changed it to worship God. This kept the Saxons tradition of the feast while gradually introducing Christianity. Over time, Eastre was converted to a Jewish-Christian celebration.

On the other hand, another source states that people in the past have used this excuse



to say that Easter is really a pagan holiday. It is a fact that the Anglo-Saxon's celebration of Eastre overlapped the worship of Jesus' resurrection. This article states that through popular usage, the Jewish-Christian Pascha was renamed Easter due to the popular use of the word.

These two opinions on the start of the celebration really do not matter. It is not *how* the holiday came about, it is *what*, or rather *Whom*, you are celebrating. It is a sacred day set aside for Christians to worship God and to remember Christ's victory over death, and ultimately Satan. The origins of

the name and date are not as important as what you are commemorating in your heart.





Editorial: Have Christians Lost Their Gag Reflex?

By Haley Hicks

What is a gag reflex? It is natural reflex of the muscle at the back of the throat that prevents something from entering and being digested by the body. It is a protective reflex that keeps us healthy and free from harm or disease. In our minds and spirits, it is that automatic aversion to the things in this world that are perverted or evil.

It seems as though society today is growing farther and farther away from common morals that used to be practiced many years ago. Examples of such morals would be the concept of purity, drinking, committing suicide or murder, and stealing.

In USA Today, Andrea Stone reports that nearly 75 years after the repeal of Prohibition, some alcohol laws passed in the 1930s have become the target of connoisseurs who say they are as stale as old beer. "We have a lot of antiquated liquor laws in Virginia that don't seem to have a lot of purpose in modern society," Delegate Adam Ebbin says. This brings up the question of what this Delegate's idea of "modern society" is.



Christians in their youth struggle today to keep their purity. Temptations begin to seep through and then, of course, there are consequences such as STDs and teenage pregnancies.



However, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the state's criminal ban on fornication could not survive and the court invalidated the law, which dated back nearly 200 years. Thomas Coleman from *Eye on Unmarried America* states that "Fornication laws are a relic of a past in which most non-marital sexual conduct was considered criminal behavior. Yet laws still persist on the books in about 20 percent of the states."

Not long ago, it used to be illegal to be gay or homosexual. Today, it is looked upon as a regular everyday kind of thing. This is an injustice.

The earliest known United States law journal article dealing with sodomy was in 1905 in West Virginia. Attor-

ney E.D. Leach argued that "perverted sexual natures" were related to crime.

What happened between years ago and now to make it okay to be gay or homosexual? Nobody knows because nothing changed. Some people believe that gays and homosexuals were born as they are now. This is not the case. They made a subconscious decision to become what they are.

People should become more aware of the consequences of their actions. "Gag reflex" is the term which best describes this spiritual concept of seeing what is wrong, and knowing that it is wrong. Although people still have their gag reflexes, it seems as though they are ignoring them and acknowledging other worldly benefits. In other words, the things that used to make us gag spiritually, no longer do. Sin that was not only im-

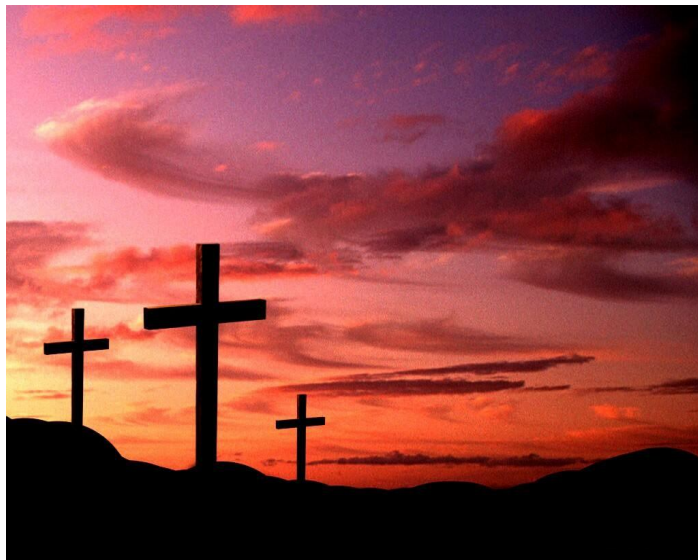
moral, but illegal, no longer offends us.

If people just trust God and have faith in Him, not only will we be able to stand up for what is right, we will also be able to take a stand against what is wrong. We should believe His word and obey it as we are told to.

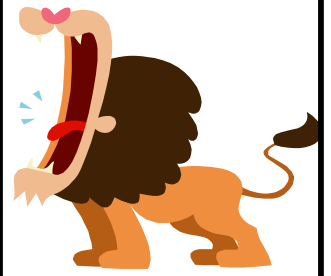
Publisher's Note: In the editing process of this article, the Microsoft Publisher ClipArt file was accessed for graphics. In a graphics search, "gay" produced a dozen pictures to insert and use. On the other hand "sin" brought up the response "No results found." Don't make me gag!

"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29



Lifestyle



Where to Worship: Greencastle Presbyterian Church

By Hannah Hartman

Greencastle Presbyterian Church evolved from a concentration of early Scotch-Irish settlers living on lands whose streams flowed into the eastern branch of the Conococheague Creek. Tradition holds that services were held in homes of these frontier families and that Samuel Thompson and Samuel Cavin served them as itinerary ministers. By 1737 a log sanctuary was built at Moss Spring and the Reverend Samuel Cavin served the group as its first minister.

The present church was erected in 1897 and since

then has been renovated several times, including an air conditioned worship center being enjoyed since August 2, 1992.

Greencastle Presbyterian Church holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Youth Group meets weekly with special events and trips planned. The events for May include a trip to Cove Valley and a special retreat weekend.

You may contact the church at 717-597-8333 or go to gpc@pa.net.



College Corner: Judson College

By Hannah Hartman

Judson College is the fifth oldest women's college in the nation and was founded in 1838 by Baptists in Alabama to educate young women in a Christian environment. The independent, liberal arts college was named for Ann Hasseltine Judson, America's first female foreign missionary. Judson is committed to a quality, valuable education for women of the future.

The Judson campus is found on 105 pristine acres in Marion, Alabama which is located in the west central part of the state. They offer state-of-the-art equipment in state-of-the-art facilities including an undeniably high-

tech science facility, classrooms and dorms with wireless internet connection, computer labs, and, coming soon, a newly renovated and modern Student Center. They also have a newly constructed athletic complex that includes softball and soccer fields, as well as a covered riding arena.

Judson offers a broad and challenging liberal arts curriculum that leads to a bachelor's degree. In addition to liberal arts majors, others offered include pre-professional programs such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, law, and engineering, to name a

few. Judson College is ac-

credited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. www.judson.edu





Life with Leo

By Donnie Fritz



**Leo loves his school!
Welcome to BCA everyone!!**



**Leo takes a hand at producing the morning
announcements.
Smile and speak clearly:)**



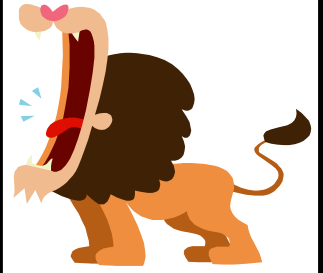
**Leo watches Elementary students on the
playground. The top of the swings gives a
nice view!**



**The kids are having so much fun that Leo
decides to join them . He loves to swing.
Can he get a push, anyone?**



Features



Easter Parties: What Does the Egg Mean to You?

By Ben Usher

No matter what age you happen to be, Easter is a favorite time of year.

This spring, many classes had Easter celebrations. Some students made Easter art. Others wrote papers about Easter. Then, of course, there were Easter eggs and Easter egg hunts. Finally, there was the candy and food from the Easter parties.

Whether you are young or old, you can enjoy a good Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter eggs have been used

for centuries as a symbol of rebirth and new life. Different cultures have used various colors to represent the different aspects of Easter.

In Greece, crimson eggs honor the blood of Christ. Green eggs are used on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week in Germany and Austria. In many countries, pastel and bright colors are used to represent the sunlight of spring.

Wherever you are, Easter Eggs are enjoyed by all and have a special meaning.



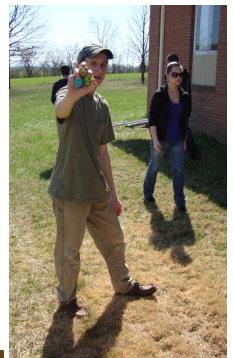
We like Easter Eggs!



Making Easter art.



I got three!



What's in this egg?



FOOD!

**Yummy,
yummy
in my
tummy!**



What Happens at BCA Stays at BCA

By Ashley Burkett and Kristen Hixon

Once again, we find that there is a secret life at BCA. Who would have guessed that the soda machines could be a platform for gymnastics or that cotton balls could be used as weapons.

Although we know that Maria Pifer freaks about a lot of things, it is news that Ben Craddock has such an interest in the afterlife! (There is no need to mention TJ Campagna's self-grooming: That's a "given"!).



Cotton ball wars!

Maria usually freaks out!



Jumping off soda machines is a main activity!

Just hanging out on the balcony...

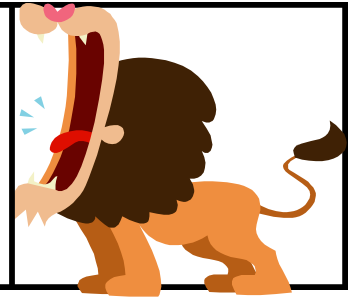


T.J. combing his long locks of beautiful hair!!



Ben messing around in the graveyard. (Perhaps he would like to become a mortician?)

Sports



Lady Lions Begin Soccer Season

By Cameron Crutchfield



The Lady Lions began soccer season with their first game against Grace Academy. It was an intense game.

BCA scored in the first half of the game, although Ariana Litten took a hard slide in goal. In the second half of the game, Grace Academy scored its second goal. T

They barely pulled past BCA, but came out with a win of 2-1 over Broadfording.

In spite of this slow beginning, great things are expected from the Lady Lions this season.

Lions Leap Over Heritage Academy

By Donnie Fritz

The Broadfording Varsity Baseball Team beat Heritage Academy 9-7. It was a hard fought game as the Lions strived to stay ahead against heritage.

Matt South pitched a great game during the first half and Steven finished it up in the second.

Gabe Hirsch made a great contribution to the game with three hits, but Pete Cradduck needs a little help learning how to slide into second base! According to DJ Blanks, Donnie Fritz hit a "monster jack."

All in all, it was a good start to what is expected to be a victorious season.

Come out and support our team as they play and give their best effort for BCA!





Sports Schedule

By Cameron Crutchfield

Thursday the 1st

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - MS
Soccer Skills Workouts Be-
gin Location: BCA

Friday the 2nd

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Boys
Varsity Baseball vs Hancock
(DOUBLEHEADER) Loca-
tion: BCA

Tuesday the 6th

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Boys
Varsity Baseball vs Heri-
tage Location: Heritage
Academy

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs Heritage
Location: Heritage Academy



Wednesday the 7th

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Spring
Sports Pictures Location:
BCA

Thursday the 8th

Boys Varsity Baseball vs
Maryland School for the
Deaf Location: Maryland



School for the Deaf
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs New Life
Location: BCA

Saturday the 10th

Boys Varsity Baseball - Han-
cock Tournament Location:
Hancock Middle-Senior High
School

Tuesday the 13th

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Boys
Varsity Baseball vs Calvary
Location: Calvary Christian

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs Calvary
Location: Calvary Christian

Thursday the 15th

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs Sha-
lom Location: Shalom

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Boys
Varsity Baseball vs Shalom
Location: Shalom

Tuesday the 20th

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Boys Var-
sity Baseball vs Heritage
Location: BCA

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls Var-
sity Soccer vs Herita

ge Location: BCA

Friday the 23rd

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Boys Var-
sity Baseball vs Cumber-
land Valley Location: BCA

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls Var-
sity Soccer vs Cumberland Val-
ley Location: BCA

Monday the 26th

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs Highland
View Location: Highland
View

Tuesday the 27th

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Boys
Varsity Baseball vs
Grace Location: Grace

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Girls
Varsity Soccer vs Grace
Location: Grace

